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Sir:

Claims 1 to 11, 13 to 20, 22 to 32 and 46 to 59 are pending. A June 2, 2004 Final Rejection rejected claims 1 to 11, 13 to 20, 22 to 32 and 46 to 59. Reconsideration and allowance are requested for the following reasons.

I. 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

Claims 1 to 11, 13 to 20, 22 to 32 and 46 to 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Nielsen.

35 U.S.C. §102(a) states:

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